

## 'NERVES' AND EXTRA BLEACHER TIER LOST GAME FOR JOHNSON

Responsibility of Living Up to U. S. Fandom's Hopes Too Much for Barney.

CAMPAIGN EXPERIENCE WON, M'GEEHAN SAYS

Fighting Spirit Evident, but "ifs" Are Relegated to "Should Have" Talk.

By W. O. M'GEEHAN, Baseball Expert of the New York Herald-Tribune.

The opportunity for which Walter Johnson had waited for 18 years, to pitch in an opening game of the world's series, came to him yesterday and found him as nervous as a debutante—too nervous to grasp it and to hold it. The opening game of the clouded world's series of 1924 went to the Giants in twelve reels of baseball melodrama by the score of 4 to 3. It was the sort of game that would have sent chills along the National spine if it had not been for the dark shadows that hang over all baseball.

In a way it was the desire to accommodate more customers or to help fill the world series bag that aided the Giants on making their first two runs. These were both home runs, the first being scored by "Long George" Kelly, and the second by "Bill" Terry, the reformed pitcher who was converted into a first baseman by Mr. Roger Bresnahan, at Toledo. Both of these homers lighted in the temporary bleachers constructed in center for the accommodation of more steerage passengers. Of course, this advantage might have worked both ways if it worked to the advantage of the Giants yesterday.

For a veteran of 18 years' service under the big tent, Mr. Walter Johnson seemed to be a bundle of nerves all through the game. Frequently between innings he would stray into the dugout and begin warming up to try and work it off. Art Nehf, the rather fragile-looking left-hander, by comparison, seemed entirely self-possessed. He pitched with what seemed to be the careless, easy grace of one who was saying to himself, "Why, this is merely another ball game."

Of course, Johnson did strike out twelve of the Giants. He had much of his old speed, but there were times when he seemed to lose control. Too much hero worship had made him feel that there was a much heavier responsibility upon his shoulders than the winning of his first game in a world series. The Giants were fighting with the steadiness of regular and seasoned troops all through the game. There was no panic, no nervousness. They might have been playing any old game in their own Polo Grounds in the lee of Coogan's Bluff, for all the emotion they showed. The program carried one reminder of the scandal. Under the heading, "utility men it still recorded '51, O'Connell."

As the game started the wish must have been that Walter Johnson could have borrowed a little of the coolness of the President. Whatever his politics may be, he certainly did not seem to be able to keep cool with Coolidge in the progress of that opening game. The last time I talked to Mr. McGraw he said "the Giants have the advantage."

Poetic Justice Failed Nats.

The popular notion seems to have been that it would be poetic justice for the Senators to have won. Such a development would have relieved many magnates. It was felt that the morale of the Giants had been shaken by the

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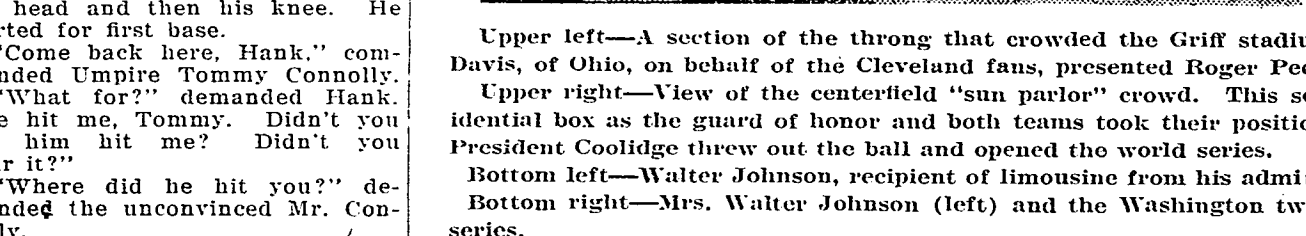
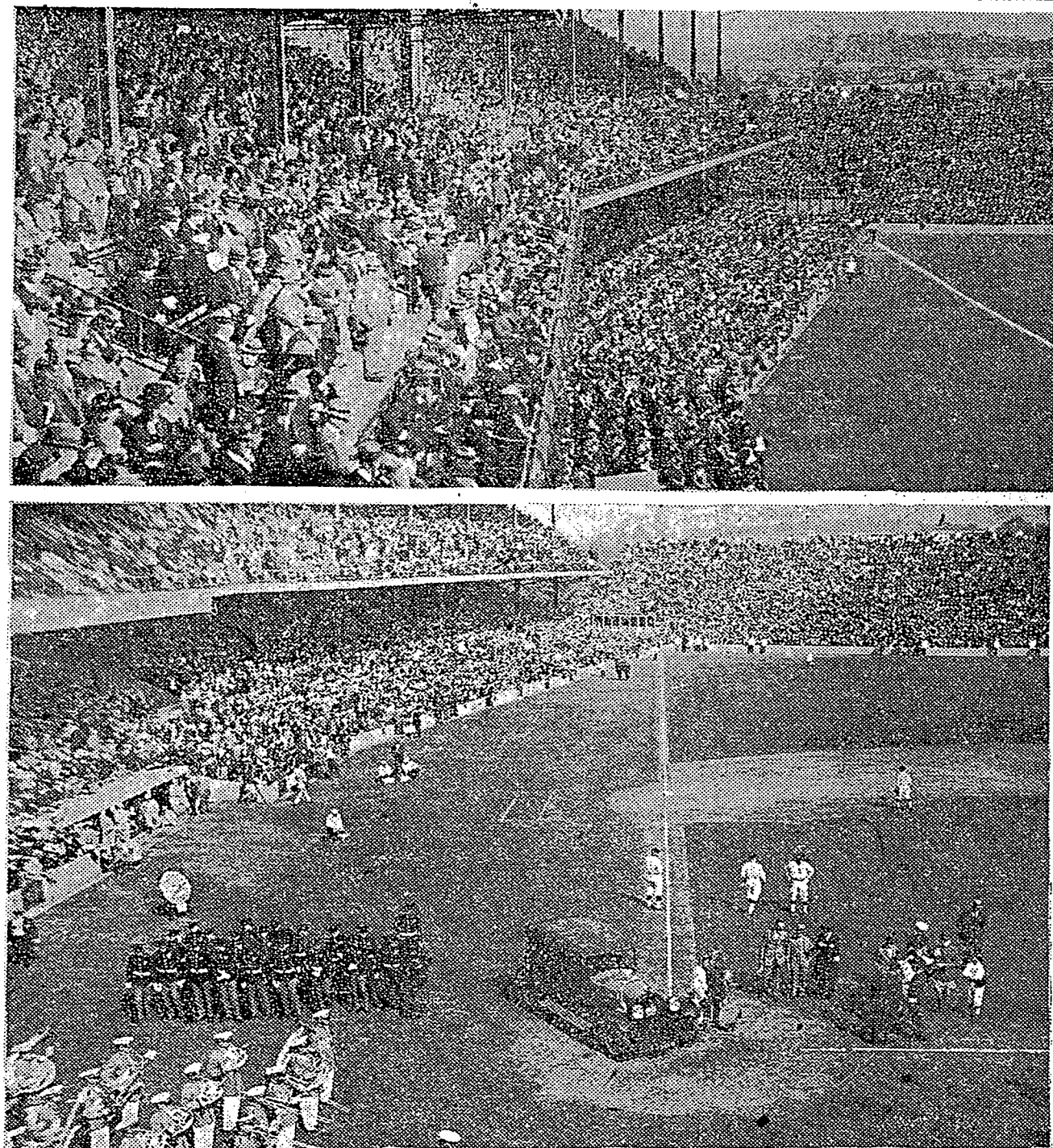
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## STRIKING SCENES AT OPENING GAME OF WORLD SERIES



Upper left—A section of the throng that crowded the Griff stadium for the opener of the world's series. Below—Governor-elect G. L. Davis, of Ohio, on behalf of the Cleveland fans, presented Roger Peckinpaugh with a Peerless phaeton car.

Upper right—View of the centerfield "sun parlor" crowd. This section of the park was the first to fill up. Below—Scene around the Presidential box as the guard of honor and both teams took their positions. Immediately after the Pershing band played the national anthem, President Coolidge threw out the ball and opened the world series.

Bottom left—Walter Johnson, recipient of limousine from his admiring fans of the Capital City.

Bottom right—Mrs. Walter Johnson (left) and the Washington twirler's mother in the box from which they saw "Barney" open the world series.

## DRIVES INTO TEMPORARY STANDS WIN FOR GIANTS

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The Giants had found Johnson for ten hits, but he had struck out eight of their number and granted only four bases on balls, while Nehf had checked the Washington batters on all but four occasions, issued the same number of passes as his rival and struck out but three men. If there was a picture there, it was the battle of these two veterans, the one acknowledged the greatest that the game knows today, the other but a step behind him.

The outlines did not please the Washington team. In the moment when the spectators usually begin to file out, but yesterday did not because of the importance of the occasion, Bluege and Peckinpaugh, whose offensive possibilities received but passing notice in the forecasts, with bold and decisive strokes wiped out the image of impending defeat and substituted new life and hope. Instead of "Giants win; game's over," the wires carried the news to the expectant nation that the battle had only begun.

From then it was gallantly fought for three more innings, and so stubbornly contested that only the very difference between a hit and the final put-out, when Goslin and the ball raced for first base in the last half of the twelfth inning. Had fortune favored the Washington team at that moment, the struggle might have run on and on to the comparative rarity of a world's series tie.

The strategy of the two leaders was well marked and sharply defined. McGraw sent his men to hit the ball out as the game once he drove back the outer defense with those heart-breaking homers that could only be watched as they sailed on into the stands. Towards the close of the game he took advantage of the gap between the infield and the outfield that he had thus created, and two short flies dropped out of reach in the Texas League hole for hits.

Harris stuck to his style of the season, striving by every means at his command to drive a runner around a hit at a time once he had got on base. In addition, the Nationals found a slight soft spot in the Giant defensive around third base and short stop but not weak enough to serve their purpose. The other weakness that Washington exposed was in the work of the New York team on the bases. Frisch was caught off second and Young

off third, when an attempt was made to take liberties with Muddy Ruel.

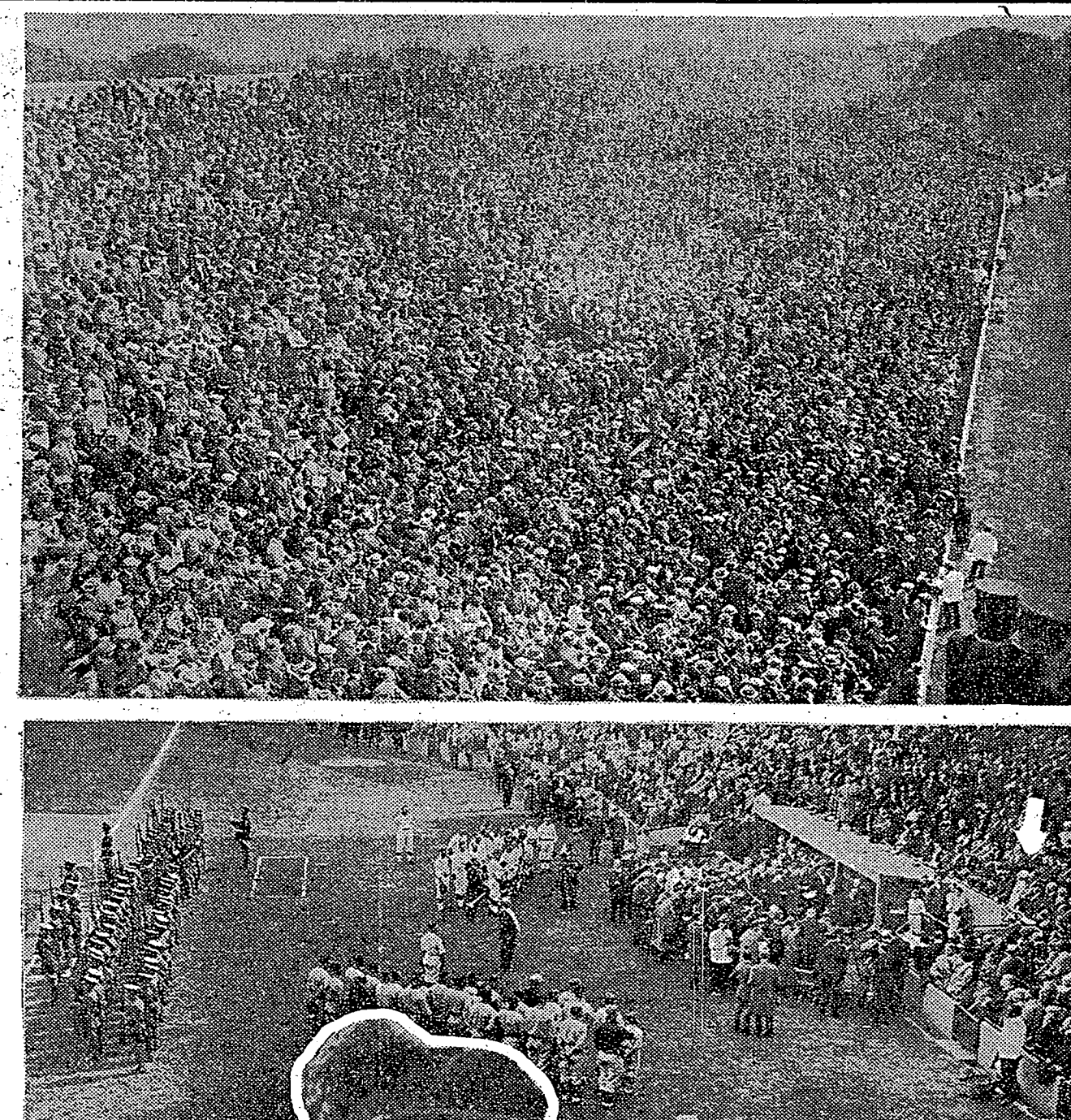
The game crowned but one hero, other than Kelly and Terry, and that was Nehf, for the veteran southpaw added to his extreme effectiveness in the box with 3 hits for a batting average of .600. On the whole, every man delivered. Three plays stand out. Frisch's leaping catch of Johnson's liner in the seventh, which would have brought in at least one run had it not been arrested in flight, Kelly's perfect play of a slow grounder to end the game, and Sam Rice's throw home in the ninth to catch Wilson and cut off a Giant run.

In a game with a climax such as yesterday's it is well to reverse the order of the telling. The twelfth inning was one that mattered. The score was 2 all. Johnson had scored as his initial opponent and he walked the veteran catcher as he had done before. Nehf, a pitcher of unusual type who also hits, put a Texas leaguer into short center. McNeely stumbled in his anxiety to recover the ball, and when he did it and throw, the ball went wide of the mark, an error, and Gowdy got to third.

McGraw began to exercise what has come to be known as strategy. Bentley batted for Lindstrom and walked. Southworth ran for Bentley. The bases full. Harris cut down Gowdy at the plate when Frisch drove one through the box. The bases still full. Young singled to center, scoring Nehf, and Kelly lifted a fly to Goslin, which gave Southworth time to get in. The rally ended after another single, but no more runs.

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The remainder of the Giant scoring has been told in the two home runs. Kelly's came in the second in the ninth. Judge, up first, struck out. Bluege singled to left, and Peckinpaugh doubled in the same direction on a hit and run, a faceliner delayed. Until the fourth inning Nehf did not yield a hit. It was in the sixth that the first credit came to the home team. Mc-



Photos by Post Staff Photographers.

## COOLIDGE, AND NAT CHAOS, AT GAME, SAYS HARVEY

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What a captivating revelation he could have made of the mind behind that Mona Lisa smile! Imagine, for example: Recollection of Three Old Cat on Plymouth common; or Nationals, as our colleague, Mr. Baxter, calls them, would not be misled by overconfidence but kept cool with him; trust in skill rather than in luck; no concern about attributed myths unless or until, as sometimes happens, they explode; appreciation of the courtesy of Senator on the diamond as contrasted with the attitude of others holding like titles in another place; consideration of the friendliness evinced by the visitors from New York; accurate valuation of team play in politics as in baseball, and finally, perhaps most keenly of all to a very human nature, sheer enjoyment of a thrilling vox populi sounding joyously upon the drums of his ears.

Oh, surely, the President had a good time, and deserved one. Incidentally, moreover, he gained special renown by being the first Chief Magistrate to throw a ball to the Chief Justice of a World Series—but that really was fortuitous; anybody could have tossed it quite as truly.

**Impressions of Game.**  
The game itself was glorious. Barring one or two minor exploits in fielding and coaching, attributable to incomprehensible idiosyncrasies, it was the last symphony in the greatest and we insist—the cleanest of popular sports. We are half-minded to write a complete, detailed account of the game; but, happily for the reader, only half.

A few impressions we may record; these, for example:  
The two teams are as unlike as could be imagined. The Nationals are young, lithe, quick, skilful, and far and away the most attractive professionals ever seen.

The Manhattans are stocky, solid, determined, and as ruthless, in a wholly legitimate way, as a Wall Street bloc, portrayed by Senator Brookhart.  
This means that at the bat the visitors have precisely the advantage in weight and build which our lads fell short by a few yards and yielded no results.

**Reversal of the carrying power of those whacks would have given the game to Washington, without an extra inning more and quit. They had to have to say at the moment is that a more difficult game to beat than that put up by the Giants is hardly conceivable and that a more gallant effort than that made by our boys—God bless 'em—cannot be imagined.**

**Standards Should Be Set Back.**  
We should be happy to set down many interesting details but for the lateness of the hour and feeling of assurance that Mr. Baxter and his galaxy will cover the diamond from the net in the rear to the bleacher, which we here formally declare, ought to be set back.

The weather man was fine. Actual results, if any there were, do not interest us. All we can remember is that they were all square at the end of nine holes, played a few more and quit. They had played enough for one day, anyhow.

**Operations will be resumed after Sunday school today.**  
The crowd followed the happenings before the game by the movements of the battery of cameramen who flocked hither and yon "shoot-ing" everything within sight. The parting "shot" was taken at President Coolidge, throwing out the first ball.

**Throng Silently Greet Giants.**  
The appearance of the Giants on the field shortly after 1 o'clock was greeted with almost absolute silence. Everybody was sitting tight waiting for someone else to start something.

## EXTRA SEATS LOST GAME TO GRIFFMEN. MAJ. BELL ASSERTS

Giants Benefit From Shortened Field in Front of Bleachers, He Says.

Erection by the Washington baseball club authorities of several rows of extra seats in front of the concrete bleachers lost Washington and Walter Johnson the first game of its first world series, Maj. J. Franklin Bell, engineer commissioner, told the Washington Post after the game yesterday.

"The erection of a short left field fence lost the game and may cause further trouble," he declared in an exclusive interview. "I believe the New York team makes more long hits than the Washington team and that fence will be advantageous to them."

Although he criticized the shortened playing field, Maj. Bell had only praise for the Washington team and its opponents.

"No more interesting game was ever played," he said. "The teams were evenly matched in every department of play and the team that got the breaks won."

**No Criticism of Players.**  
He had no criticism of Washington players for errors of commission or omission, he declared. "Anybody can boost when we are winning and any man on the field who fails in a play, even though evident to the stands, feels worse than any spectator can feel about it."

"I do not want to comment on this phase."  
"It is difficult sometimes to estimate characteristically from the stands the chances of success on plays which are attempted or might have been attempted. Usually the men on the field can estimate their chance a bit better than a person in the stand. I know from experience in playing in college."

Maj. Bell played on his class team at West Point Military academy and was manager of the baseball team of the academy one year. Under his management baseball became one of the major sports of the military academy. He completely changed the schedules formerly followed and arranged games with the teams of the large universities of the country, team winning most of its games, although it lost its annual game with the Naval academy.

**Much Color in Crowd.**  
"The weather for the game was perfect and the crowd was a happy mingling of business, social and official life. Much of the color so characteristic of army and navy games was present. The crowd was orderly and well handled by the authorities."

"It is deeply to be regretted that the capacity of the stands is so small, and that the means of egress from the grounds are poor. The management would do well to invest some of the profits from the world's series in providing more commodious and better arranged exits."

"Better street approaches to the park should be provided. District authorities have been seeking legislation to provide such improvements for several years. It is to be hoped that Congress will provide for these at the next session."

"The participation of the Army band and the marines in the ceremonies was highly appreciated. It was an excellent game, but the most impressive thing to me was Johnson's strikeout record and Ruel's clever work in catching two New York runners off bases."

## OFFICIAL, BUSINESS, SOCIAL WASHINGTON ATTEND FIRST GAME

National Pastime Never Before Honored With Such a Gathering, Is Belief.

BOX PARTIES GIVEN BY PROMINENT MEN

Members of Congress, District Judiciary and Army and Navy Officers There.

High officials of the nation headed by President Coolidge and members of Congress, and leading men of the city's social and business life were represented in the throng of fans that yesterday witnessed the first world's series game. Never before, it is believed, has the great national pastime witnessed such a galaxy of those who have the distinction of the government in hand. It was, in fact, probably the most representative crowd that ever met for any kind of an event. There were high officers of the army and navy present, as well as members of the Judiciary and the Executive.

The President and Mrs. Coolidge had with them in their box, the speaker of the House of Representatives and Mrs. Frederick Gillett, and Bascom Stump.

The Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks occupied another box, while Secretary of the Treasury Mellon occupied a front row seat in the upper tier of the grand stand. Secretary of Commerce Hoover had a box.

The Postmaster General and Mrs. New, the Minister from Switzerland, Marc Peter, Brig. Gen. Charles L. McCawley, Col. George Harvey, and Francis P. Homer, of Baltimore, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edward B. McLean. Mrs. James J. Davis, wife of the Secretary of Labor, was present with a group of friends.

The District Judiciary was represented by almost its full quota. Among those justiced were Chief Justice McCoy, Justice Siddons, Justice Hoehling, Judge McLean, Judge Schmidt, and Judge Mattingly.

Members of Congress and their families were present in force. Scattered throughout the stands were Senator and Mrs. Copeland, of New York; Senator Boies of Delaware; Representative Bell, of Georgia; Senator Weller, of Maryland; Senator Elkins, of West Virginia; Senator McKinley, of Illinois; Senator Simmons, of North Carolina; Senator Wadsworth, of New York; Senator Neely, of West Virginia; Senator Glass, of Virginia; Senator Walsh, of Massachusetts; Senator Edge, of New Jersey; Senator Smoot, of Utah; Senator Shields, of Kansas; and Representatives Williams and Garrett, of Texas, and Former Representative Rodenberg, of Illinois.

The District Attorney and Mrs. Peyton Gordon were noted, as were also Gov. Ritchie of Maryland, the Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. John H. Bartlett, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. John A. Lejeune, Justice and Mrs. Van Orsdal, Gen. and Mrs. M. W. Ireland, former Commissioner and Mrs. Tihlman Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. William Doellner, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cary T. Grayson, Brig. Gen. and Mrs. William Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tully, Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Jordan, Mr. and Mrs. Henri de Sibour, Mr. Randall Hagner, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Church, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bones, the Undersecretary of the Navy, and Mr. and Mrs. Winston. Mrs. Gladys Wright, Church.

Thomas Watt Gregory, former Attorney General; William F. Ham, president of the Washington Railroad and Electric Company; Frank J. Hogan, attorney; George E. Ham, former Attorney General; William Traction Company; Herbert Shannon, real estate dealer; Jerry South, former chief clerk of the House; Joseph Murphy, assistant chief of the secret service; Donald Woodward, of Woodward & Lothrop; Corcoran Thom. W. F. Roberts, Commissioner Lewis, of the Interstate Commerce Commission; Rush Holland, assistant to the Attorney General; Col. E. Lester Jones, of the coast and geodetic survey; Melvin Hazen, District surveyor, and William P. Richards, District assessor.

J. Maury Dove, Robert N. Harper, Harry Crandall, Guy Mason, Frank J. Burr, E. C. Jones, Thompson, Maj. Gen. Lejeune, commandant of the marine corps; E. Brooke Lee, Rudolph Jose, O. J. De Moll, T. Lincoln Townsend, John Poole, William Mather Lewis, Allan E. Walker, John L. Weaver, Dr. Charles S. White, Tom Moore, Harry Wardman, builder; Isaac Gans, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Edward F. Colladay, president of the Board of Trade; R. P. Andrews, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers' association; H. B. and R. C. Leary, automobile dealers; Charles M. Stief, piano manufacturer; Fred A. Cochran, J. Callahan, president of the Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Company; William T. Gallier, Simon Kann, president of S. Kann's Sons; Wilton J. Lambert, E. C. Graham, Le Roy Marks, John E. Stephens, corporation counsel; Ringgold Hart, an insurance corporation counsel; G. Bryan Pitts, Fire Chief George S. Watson, C. Melvin Sharp, Ray Semmes, S. R. Golbhart, Myer Cohen, Arthur Allen, John E. Cochran, E. H. Newmyer, R. John, E. C. Jones, Dr. A. F. Woods and Edgar C. Snyder, United States marshal.

The Chilean Ambassador and Secretary of the Navy, several friends formed a box party.

"Al" Schacht Leads Band.  
"Al" Schacht entertained the fans before the game in the role of leader of the band. The fans looked for the usual pre-game antics of Schacht and his partner, "Nick" Altrock, but outside of a few informal stunts the twins were exceedingly quiet.